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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MONGOLIA

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1. IN CORRIDOR ENCOUNTER WITH MISOFF ON FINAL DAY OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION MAY 2, MPR MISSION COUNSELOR OCHIRBAL NOT ONLY INTRODUCED BUT ALSO PURSUED QUESTION OF OUR SUSPENDED NEGOTIATIONS ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. AFTER SMALL TALK ON OTHER MATTERS, HE OPENED TOPIC BY SAYING HE HOPED WE WOULD SOON MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT WHEN MPR FONMIN WAS HERE IN APRIL, FONMIN TOLD HIM THAT FONMIN'S ORIGINAL EXPECTATION OF RAPID PROGRESS ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH USG SUDDENLY HAD BEEN CHANGED BY A NEW (IMPLICITLY INTERNAL MPR GOVT) OBSTACLE.

3. DESPITE RESPONSE BY MISOFF (THAYER) THAT WE WERE QUITE PREPARED TO WAIT PATIENTLY FOR MPR REPLY, OCHIRBAL, INSTEAD OF TAKING OPPORTUNITY TO SHIFT TO OTHER SUBJECT, CONTINUED TO PURSUE MATTER.

4. MONGOLIA, HE SAID, HAS RELATIONS WITH ALL GREAT POWERS BUT USA; MONGOLIA WOULD LIKE RELATIONS WITH USA. OCHIRBAL THEN SAID HE PERSONALLY DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT WAS HOLDING UP ULLANBAATAR DECISION BUT VENTURED THAT PERHAPS IT WAS US PROPOSAL FOR SIMULTANEITY. IN ANY EVENT, CONFIDENTIAL

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OCHIRBAL WENT ON, HE PERSONALLY COULD SEE LOGIC IN SIM-

ULTANEITY; "LET US TAKE ALL THE QUESTIONS TOGETHER, SOLVE THEM AT ONCE AND THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE ARRANGED."

5. MISOFF REMARKED THAT HE STRONGLY AGREED, OF COURSE, AND CONVERSATION THEN TURNED TO OTHER MATTERS.

6. COMMENT: WE FRANKLY DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO MAKE OF THIS EXCHANGE. IT DOES SUGGEST, HOWEVER, THAT (IN ABSENCE OF REAL NEED ON OUR PART TO MOVE AHEAD) WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE RELAXED POSTURE UNTIL MPR COMES BACK TO US WITH SOMETHING CONCRETE. END COMMENT.
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